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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT
SWORN IN

1. AFTERNOON PRESS OF MARCH 21 REPORTS THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNAL INTERIM GOVERNMENT WAS SECRETLY SWORN IN AT MID-DAY AT PRIME MINISTER SMITH'S SALISBURY OFFICE. NO DETAILS WERE REPORTEDLY AVAILABLE AS NEWSPERSONS WERE PROHIBITED FROM THE CEREMONY. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE CEREMONY WAS TAKING PLACE BUT WOULD ONLY SAY THAT A STATEMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

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2. ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CHIEF CHIRAU, ORGANIZED A HASTY PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AND TOLD THE PRESS THAT SUFFRAGEN ANGLICAN BISHOP OF MASHONALAND, REV. MURINDAGOMO WOULD OFFICIATE "BECAUSE HE OWES HIS ALLEGIANCE TO GOD AND IS IMPARTIAL". CHIRAU SAID THE OATH WOULD BE SWORN "TO THE COUNTRY" BUT WOULD NOT

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